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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, as amended are submitted for examination.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 5, and 13-14 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention and thereby avoid the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection. The amended claim agrees with the description given on page 16-18 of the specification.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include only aromatic solvent having a boiling point below 200 degrees celsius.

The present invention stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 201(b) as being anticipated by Stephenson et al. (U.S. 5,021,498). In addition, the dependent claims stand rejected as being unpatentable over Stephenson in view of several other cited references including Miller et al. (U.S. 5,925,233).

The amended present invention is patentable over the cited prior art. The present invention only includes aromatic solvents that having boiling points below 200°C thereby avoiding Stephenson et al. The claimed invention includes the steps of measuring the rates of precipitation, not optical densities, thereby avoiding Miller et al.

Applicants believe that the claims now present in this application to be patentable and that this application is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference; he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number noted below.

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